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FIFTY YEARS AGO.

Scenes and Incidents in Ireland's Capital City in 1851 Recalled.

A Period of Sadness, Deportation and Exile For the Irish People.

Catholics and Nationals Unite to Battle For Redress and Resist Oppression.

HISTORIC PERSONS AND THEIR WORK

A glance at the files of the Dublin Freeman's Journal for the last days of December 1851, reveals the fact that things were dull enough in that city this time fifty years ago. Ireland had not yet begun to recover from the effects of the dread famine years, and the failure of '48 still weighed dimly on the National spirits. The heroic and intellectual band of young men who had for a little while stirred the embers of Nationality to living flame was broken up—some, like the best of them all, Thomas Davis—were dead, while most of the rest of the leaders had either been transported or gone into exile. Ireland was, indeed, a little better than "a corpse on the dissecting table," as Gavan Duffy styled her when he too gave up hope and sailed for Australia four years later. The apathetic condition of the country was, naturally enough, manifest in the capital also; and although the conventional round of amusements that is part of the life of all great cities never ceased, the majority of the citizens, somehow, took their pleasures sadly enough. The castle and garrison sets, of course, having a life apart altogether from the majority of the people, enjoyed themselves to the top of their bent, just as if they were residing in the gay capital of a prosperous nation, instead of in that of a country that seemed going steadily and surely down into the abyss of national ruin and decay. Fortunately this catastrophe did not overtake the old land, which, thank heaven, has marvelous powers of recuperation; but to the people of half a century ago the future seemed to hold no promise of anything save disaster for themselves and the country. The Celts seemed to the "Times" to be gone "with a vengeance"—and in truth, was the fact; but the remnant left in Ireland, however, was sufficiently visible, as events have amply proved, to hold the country for the Celtic race, and to give the smug Saxon, who fondly thought that '48 had settled everything satisfactorily for him, no end of trouble; a state of affairs which shows no signs of waning at the present time, but on the contrary shows every symptom of growing stronger and more menacing to English rule, as the years roll on.

The principal political plot dealt with in the issue of the Freeman for December 29, 1851, was the resignation or expulsion of Lord Palmerston from the Foreign Office, an event which caused a big sensation all over Europe, and was heard of with gratification in Irish Catholic and Nationalist circles, to whom the noble lord's policy was peculiarly distasteful. The same issue also contains a notice of the coming inauguration in January, of the new Catholic Lord Mayor, Mr. John Darcy, who succeeded the Right Hon. Benjamin Lee Guinness as Chief Magistrate of the city. There is also a paragraph announcing the approaching retirement of the Hon. David Plunket from the office of Master of the Court of Common Pleas.

An interesting account of a stag hunt of an unusually exciting character, which took place on December 27, is also recorded. The Ward Hunt met on this date at Clonca, at which place a magnificent stag was unearthed, who, after surveying the lie of the country, went off in the direction of the Ashbourne road, followed in the regulation time by the pack of hounds and the hunting party. The noble quarry crossed and recrossed the road several times, and then made for Finglas, passing through some demesnes en route. He then crossed the Tolka and made straight for the city, evidently having faith in the "safe security of the streets." His pursuers grew gradually less, and he took his swift career down the North Circular Road, unharrassed by hounds or men, finally taking refuge in the classic thoroughfare which still rejoices in the name of Stoneybatter. It must have been rather an unusual ending for a stag hunt even in days when they were held in such close proximity to the city.

In the matter of public entertainments we find in the amusements column announcements of "Grand Christmas Pantomimes" at both the Theatre Royal and the Queen's Royal Theatre. At the former the pantomime was entitled "Bluff King Hal, or Harlequin and the Charmed Arrow," preceded by the comedy, "Love in a Maze;" while at the Queen's a melodrama, entitled "Hoper," was announced, followed by the pantomime, "Harlequin and Sir John Falstaff, and the Merry Wives of Windsor." In the issue for December 31 the principal topic dealt with at length editorially is concerned with a charge of proselytism, under investigation at the North Dublin Union, a Protestant clergy-

man—the Rev. Mr. Saunders—having been discovered interfering with the religious beliefs of some of the Catholic inmates; and a somewhat similar case, which occurred in the Tuam Workhouse, had been dealt with in the Freeman a few days previously, and a long American letter is also contained in this issue, which deals entirely with the reception of Lord Kossuth, the Hungarian patriot, in the United States. A great number of the Irish in America at the time refused to take any part in welcoming Kossuth, on account of his having made laudatory references to England's sense of right and justice, which, indeed, those Irish exiles, then as now, had little reason to have any faith in. Some patriotic Irishmen, however—like Michael Doheny and John Blake Dillon—saw in Kossuth only the rebel against foreign tyranny in his own land, and took part in publicly acclaiming one who, like themselves, was a refugee. Amongst the principal news items is the announcement of the appointment of Dr. M'Donnell, S. F. T. C. D., as Provost of Dublin University.

During the year 1851, the Repeal Association, which had for some time been carried on as the Catholic and Repeal Association, adjourned its meeting sine die in the month of March. In the month of August the Catholic Defense Association was formed at a great meeting in the Rotunda, held to protest against the new Ecclesiastical Titles Bill, which was rightly regarded as a violation of the Catholic Relief Act of 1829. The first meeting of the new Association was held in the Mechanics' Institute on October 17. At the census taken in 1851 the returns of the population of the city were: Males, 117,222; females, 137,628; total, 254,850, being an increase of 22,124 on the census of 1841. During this year also the Midland Great Western railway opened their service to Galway. Such are a few of the principal events and topics which made up the life of Dublin fifty years ago.

YOUNG MEN'S INSTITUTE

Bowling Green and New Haven Councils Install Officers.

One of the most flourishing fraternal societies of Bowling Green is Hays Council 167 of Young Men's Institute. The officers installed for the ensuing year, all representative men of the city, are as follows:

Chaplain—Very Rev. T. J. Hayes.
President—J. L. Durbin.
First Vice President—John L. Kister.
Second Vice President—P. Calcutt.
Recording Secretary—Fred Keene.
Financial Secretary—S. F. Durbin.
Treasurer—E. Romer.
Marshal—F. Gottwallis.
Inside Sentinel—John Gottwallis.
Outside Sentinel—P. F. Brasil.
Executive Committee—F. L. Kister, Jr., J. G. Kister and Peter Ackerman.
New Haven has the only council, St. Catherine's, that boasts a junior rank, which was organized through the efforts of John Barry, editor of the Echo. The following is a list of the officers just installed by St. Catherine's Council:
Chaplain—Rev. Joseph P. Walsh.
President—William H. Greenwell.
First Vice President—Dr. M. Laha.
Second Vice President—John J. Barry.
Recording Secretary—Francis M. Hagan.
Corresponding Secretary—Frank Dawson, Jr.
Financial Secretary—Dr. J. J. Greenwell.
Treasurer—Frank Boone.
Marshal—Edwin Dawson.
Inside Sentinel—Charles Coyle.
Outside Sentinel—Thomas J. Thornbury.
Executive Committee—Joe G. Barry, James E. Rapier and W. J. Dawson.

BASEBALL DIALECT.

Used in Priest's Advice Preceding the Marriage of a Player.

An unusual and yet very trite humor was displayed by the Rev. C. F. Thomas in his remarks before the marriage ceremony of John A. McGraw, the famous third baseman, and Miss Blanche Sindall, at St. Ann's Catholic church, Washington. He said in part:

"Let selfishness be no barrier to your happiness, but understand that each must often give up much and renounce self that both may enjoy delightful fruit. For you know that it is the 'sacrifice hit' that adds to the number of 'runs' and 'wins the game.' Fear not the adversaries, though many and strong, that may seek to rob you of this 'result' of your union. The 'game' will not be lost as long as you 'work together.' 'Bunch your hits' and 'victory' is yours. She will cheer you, aid you, support you and share your 'triumphs' and participate in your 'defeats.' You will not have trouble to 'manage' her. She will keep in 'spirit and letter,' the 'terms' of this holy 'contract.' Lead her 'around the hard bases' of life. Make her 'steal' her way under the watchful eye of the enemy until she reaches the 'home' of happiness. Make her 'score' many bright and joyous days, that the 'penchant' of prosperity may continually wave over your heads."

ANOTHER COUNCIL.

Members of Unity Council of New Albany last Sunday organized another flourishing council of the Young Men's Institute at Shelbyville, Ind. This organization seems very attractive to young men throughout Indiana and is becoming quite strong.

BISHOP M'FAUL.

Hibernians Show Their Appreciation of His Noble Efforts For the Order.

Presented Magnificent Illuminated Address From National Board.

Designs and Ideas of Ireland's Classic Age Effectively Used.

PHOTOGRAPH SOUVENIR OF OCCASION

A magnificent illuminated address was presented to the Right Rev. James A. McFaul, Bishop of Trenton, New Jersey, on January 2, by Hon. John T. Keating, National President; Hon. James P. Bree, National Secretary, and Patrick O'Neill, of Philadelphia, National Director of the Ancient Order of Hibernians. The presentation took place at the Bishop's residence in Trenton, where the officers were most cordially welcomed by the right reverend gentleman. The address was presented on behalf of the order as a token of gratitude to Bishop McFaul for his noble efforts in the past in the cause of unity in the ranks of the organization. National President Keating made the presentation speech, which was brief, and the Bishop responded, after which he presented each of the officers with his photograph as a souvenir of the happy occasion. The address, a copy of which appears below, is a very beautiful as well as a unique and interesting gift.

The address itself is in the ancient Irish text. It is surrounded by an ornamental border composed of interlacing designs, both lettering and decoration being in the style used in the celebrated Book of Kells. In the upper left-hand corner is a pen-and-ink portrait drawing of the Right Reverend Bishop, which is a most faithful likeness, and in the upper right-hand corner is another pen-and-ink drawing of his cathedral, and right-hand corners are the symbol of the order and the ancient Irish harp, each surrounded by the shamrock. Merely glanced at, and without close inspection as to details, the address impresses one as a work of art. The colors used are green, red and gold, with text in black India-ink and the capitals rubricated. The pen work is exquisite and capable of microscopic examination as to mistakes and flaws. The blending of the emblems, colors and designs, that are dear to the Irish heart all over the world is in good taste, harmonious and altogether in keeping with the objects of the order and the intentions of the givers of the address. This, indeed, seems to be the first instance of the kind in America where the designs and artistic ideas of the classic age of Ireland have been effectively used in an original work, and the idea is a happy and successful one, in at least this instance. Nothing made on vellum could be more attractive to the eye or more pleasing to an educated taste than this specimen of the art of modern illumination. Following is a copy of the address:

Address to the Right Rev. James A. McFaul, Bishop of Trenton, from the United Ancient Order of Hibernians of America.

Right Reverend and Dear Sir: When the page of Ireland's history was written in blood; when the story of Ireland's people was laden with sorrow; when the hopes for Ireland's future were dim; when all others had deemed Ireland's cause lost and broken, in those hours of sadness the true friend of a suffering people; the staunch defender of the weak against the strong, the unselfish champion of a wronged nation, was the faithful, true, the noble Irish priest.

We look back with loving pride over the long years priest and people have journeyed, toiled and prayed together, and dwell with affectionate remembrance on the long history of gentle kindness which was the sole gleam of sunlight that pierced the darkness of penal days. We recall with fond regard the devoted and untiring zeal of the Irish missionary following his flock over seas and continents.

Yes, all the great, if sad, story of the past inspires us with feelings of affection for the Soggarth Aroon who ever remained steadfast to his people. We turn from contemplative gratitude of our priest's labors in the past to you, our guide and benefactor of the present. For years, right reverend Bishop, our ranks were divided by faction; errors kept our people apart and quarrels rendered them powerless.

Our great society, the Ancient Order of Hibernians, for many years has labored for our exiled people, but, alas, under two heads. The hearts of all true lovers of Ireland's nation were uplifted in prayer that some power would join the severed links of Fraternity.

At last, under the guidance of wise leaders, we came to you and besought you to assist us in the great work of uniting our severed ranks. Your splendid efforts and noble self-sacrifice accomplished what all hoped for, and with your blessing the Brothers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians joined hands and hearts in a union we are confident will be perpetual.

In the name of the re-united Order, we thank you, Right Reverend Bishop, for your noble zeal and successful work in our behalf. As our society progresses on the path of unity, new successes will render your name and memory ever dear as the Apostle of Unity. Your kindly words in the great convention will ever burn bright before us as the beacon of true patriotism.

Future generations of Irish exiles will hold in affectionate remembrance the name of our Right Reverend Arbitrator. We beseech the God of Nations to bless, protect and prolong your life. We pray that your years may ever be blessed with peace and prosperity.

We ask you to remember that the gratitude of a people is yours, and we, the National Officers of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, thank you in behalf of the cause of Hibernianism, which is guided, controlled and inspired by the spirit of friendship, unity and Christian charity.

BEFORE LENT BEGINS.

Young and Old Arranging For Many Pleasant Social Events.

With the near approach of the Lenten season, which all Catholics observe, are extensive preparations for many pleasant social eueches, parties and dances, all for worthy causes. Monday night at St. Mary's Hall, Eighth street, the Leo Dramatic Society will entertain their friends with a fine literary and musical programme. A feature will be the scene from "Mary Stuart," presented by Misses Henrietta Kaiser and Marie Heverlin. The St. Cecilia Musical Club will render several numbers, and among the young ladies taking part are Misses Josie Schumuck, Nellie Angermeyer, Rose Watson, Teresa Girardi, Florence Hillerick, Rose Pedler, Adelaide Hillerick, Mayme Kiefer and Mary Glenn. The programme is an artistic one and should attract a large audience.

The entertainment most looked forward to is the candy pulling and eueche at St. Peter's Hall on Thursday afternoon and night under the auspices of the Ladies' Aid of Seventeenth and Broadway. The one given last year was the season's social success, and this one will surpass its predecessor. The ladies having it in charge will spare no pains in the entertainment of their friends and all who attend are assured a pleasant time. Hand-some prizes will be distributed at night, a large number having been donated. A candy pulling will take place in the afternoon for the children, to which the small sum of ten cents will be charged for admission and candy. The ladies having this affair in charge are Mesdames Thomas M. Ryan, Phil McGovern, Will Dalton, Denny Sullivan, Thomas Tarpey, Tony Norton and Miss Rosie Burke, who will direct the fish pond.

The Ladies' Aid of Holy Cross church have secured Music Hall for Wednesday afternoon and night, January 29, when they will entertain their friends at progressive eueche. The number of prizes to be contested for will be unusually large, as many handsome ones have been received from other States and cities. This promises to be the largest eueche party held this season as well as one of the most select, and all who can secure tickets of admission should do so at once. The sale thus far has been large and insures its success.

Progressive eueche will be played at Music Hall again on Wednesday, February 5, afternoon and night, under the auspices of some of the most prominent society ladies of the central part of the city. Invitations and tickets are now being distributed for the occasion, which will prove a brilliant social affair. The reception committee will embrace a number of Louisville's most lovely society belles.

Friday afternoon and evening, January 31, has been set as the date for a swell eueche and reception under the patronage of a number of prominent Catholic ladies who will use the funds realized for worthy purposes. Trinity Hall, 718 East Gray street, has been secured and will be handsomely decorated and brilliantly illuminated for the occasion.

The ladies interested in this affair are zealous church workers always responding when called upon, and it is to be hoped their friends will show their appreciation by filling Trinity Hall as never before. Patrons will be well entertained and elegant and useful prizes will be given the lucky winners.

Besides the foregoing the Young Men's Institute will give a series of three eueches, winding up with a mask affair at Mackin Council. The first will take place at Trinity Council Hall, the next following at Satoll Hall.

PLEASING APPOINTMENT.

One of the most satisfactory appointments of Mayor Grainger's term is the reappointment by the Board of Safety of Detective John Sexton. This appointment was made greatly in recognition of Mr. Sexton's official merit and because of the many requests of Mayor Grainger that the popular officer be retained. John is a Limerick boy, who will always have the good wishes of his fellow-constituents from that district.

SANTOS-DUMONT COMING.

Santos-Dumont, the famous aeronaut and inventor of aerial apparatus, announces that he will visit the United States and exhibit his inventions during a three month's stay this spring. He will also enter the aerial competition for the \$200,000 prize at the St. Louis World's Fair.

GOOD TIME.

Members of Trinity Council Surprised With Splendid Banquet.

New Administration Begins the Year by Initiating a Large Class.

Young Ladies' Auxiliary Entertain Friends at Tacky Party.

QUAINT AND COMICAL COSTUMES

The new administration of Trinity Council has started the year with a boom, initiating nine members and receiving three applications Monday night. The meeting room was crowded Monday night when President Piazza called the meeting to order, many coming for the purpose of giving the newly elected officers encouragement and a good send-off. Among the visitors were Grand Secretary Lautz, Frank Burke and Hugh Higgins, representing Mackin Council, and Will Kennedy, of Lambert Young Council, Frankfort. All the new members are well known young men who will add strength and influence to Trinity Council. They are Messrs. William Hoellman, M. J. Maloney, Charles Weisenberger, Edward Kirwin, Charles Bismeyer, Bob Kaltenbach, J. P. Cooney. The initiation was very impressive, each officer performing his part with the utmost satisfaction.

An invitation was received and accepted from the Young Ladies' Auxiliary to their "tacky party," and announcement was made that the series of eueches would be resumed again on Wednesday, January 22. President Piazza announced the standing committees, William Hillerich being made Chairman of the Executive Committee.

Among the pleasing incidents of the evening was the enthusiastic reception given Theodore Krieger and Ben Shrader, both pioneers of the Young Men's Institute. The former volunteered his services for another entertainment for the council, and upon his suggestion a committee of seven will be named next Monday night. Appreciation was also shown for the Kentucky Irish American, a large number of copies being subscribed for.

When the regular order of business had been gone through those present were invited to remain and partake of a banquet given in honor of the retiring officers. Forming two lines, headed by the officers and new members, all marched to the larger hall, where they awaited them an excellent feast, prepared under the supervision of Caterer Clarence Key and wife. Ranning the full length of the hall were two tastefully draped tables burdened with everything that would appeal to the most exacting epicure. At a given signal all were seated and for half an hour the good things were disposed of. When the appetites had been satisfied punch and cigars followed, and from then on until midnight the time was devoted to toasts and happy responses. Joe Piazza acting as toastmaster.

Responses were made by ex-President Sullivan, Attorney Emmet Slattery, Tom Garvey, Ben Hund, James B. Kelly, David O'Connell, Dr. Phil Beutler, Jr., Edward J. Bosler, Henry Struby, Dr. Francis Clark, Eugene Cooney, Ben Shrader, George Lautz, Jacob Gross, Henry Stoer, Joe McGill and Mike Hill. Each was heartily applauded, and the happy affair was brought to a close by all joining in singing "America." Many took advantage of the occasion to express their gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. Key for the excellent repast prepared by them.

The old-fashioned tacky dress party given Tuesday night at Trinity Hall by the Young Ladies' Auxiliary in honor of both the newly-elected and retiring officers was a great social success, though limited to members and invited friends. All present had a really delightful time and voted the party one never to be forgotten. The ladies of the auxiliary all appeared in costume, many representing the old fashions of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries as well as the up-to-date tacky costumes.

Miss Rose Gathof easily carried off the honors for being the most tacky. Her costume was one almost inscribable, and was appropriately called the non-descript outfit.

Miss Mary A. Goss was another easy winner, wearing the most elegant old-fashioned costume. The bonnet she wore was her grandmother's wedding bonnet, and measured twenty-seven inches from crown to the great poke front. Her dress was of the seventeenth century style, being embroidered in gold and black velvet, with real lace paniers also embroidered in gold. This costume was worn by Mrs. Michael Ryan, the great grandmother of Miss Goss, at a reception in Ireland over a hundred years ago. The dress was sent from New York for this occasion by Miss Mary E. Goss, a cousin of the wearer. Several photographers called on the prize winner during the week, wishing to take pictures of the costume and lady, but Miss Goss politely declined, saying she was very busy.

There were a great number who would have been prize winners if character prizes had been offered. Miss Fannie

Cunniff was a typical grandmother. She was indeed a dream and at times filled the position of the old-time fortune teller with a naturalness that was surprising. Miss Rosana Sacksteder made the hit of the evening as Sis Hopkins. She wore a closely copied costume of Siseretta and won the prize in the cake walk.

Miss Mayme Kiely made a charming Maud Muller and won many pretty compliments. The young ladies were all pleasing and each one deserves description, but not having been able to obtain their names they are necessarily omitted.

Dr. Phil Beutler, the newly elected council physician, carried off the first prize for being the most tacky gentleman. The Doctor was conceded by all to be the finest and most cadaverous specimen of the tramp character ever seen in the East End. The old man prize, of course, went to Sam B. Kelly.

Much praise is due Miss Fannie Cunniff and her assistants, Misses Mary A. Goss, Mamie Pfeiffer, Anna Manaman, Rose Gathof and Miss Ellard. During the evening all were served old-time coffee in tin cups, and the menu consisted of Jersey cream with white and black bread, sandwiches seasoned with nice hot wienerwursts, sour cucumber pickles, ginger snaps, peanuts and side dishes.

'May the Young Ladies' Auxiliary live long and give another such good time every year' was the parting words of those who were their guests that night.

FOUR'S DANCE.

Everything Points to a Big Crowd at Liederkranz Hall.

From present indications and fair weather permitting, the select dance to be given by Division 4, A. O. H., at Liederkranz Hall, next Friday night, January 24, promises to be one of the most successful affairs of the season. The following members of the division will be in charge and will use every effort in their power to give everyone who attends a very pleasant evening. Joe Haurahan and Joseph P. McGinn will alternate in the box office; Thomas Callahan and Robert Mitchell as door-keeper; Dave Reilly, refreshment stand cashier; Jerry Hallihan, check room; Will Hennessy, manager of bowling alley; John J. Barry, music director, and John J. Grogan, assistant music director.

The committee urgently request every member of the division to make their returns for tickets not later than the evening of the division next Wednesday evening. If they cannot attend this meeting please send or bring returns before the dance to any member of the following committee: John J. Barry, John J. Grogan, M. J. Hartnett, M. J. Shaughnessy and William Miller.

MIRACULOUS CURE.

Grateful Mother Donates a Statue to a San Francisco Church.

As a token of gratitude for the recovery of a beloved daughter, Mrs. Frank J. Sullivan, sister of Mayor Phelan, has presented to St. Brigid's church, San Francisco, a life-size statue of Our Lady of Lourdes.

The idol of the Sullivan household is Gladys, who is now twelve years of age. For some years she suffered from an affection of the hip, and the best medical skill failed to restore the child to health. Fifteen months ago Mrs. Sullivan took her daughter to Europe in order to consult specialists. Some of the most famous specialists attended her, but there was no sign of betterment.

While Mrs. Sullivan and her daughter were recently in Paris, the annual pilgrimage to the Grotto of Massavielle at Lourdes was in full sway. The stories of miraculous cures came to the ears of Mrs. Sullivan and she decided to take her child to the famous grotto, where thousands of the faithful of the Roman Catholic Church gather each year from every quarter of the globe.

In the little town in the Hautes-Pyrenees, where the Virgin Mary is said to have revealed herself in 1858 to a peasant girl, Gladys Sullivan regained her health. While Mrs. Sullivan is averse to discussing the affair of her daughter's cure, considering the matter too sacred, it is known that mother and daughter returned to this city a few days ago and that the girl was restored to health while visiting the shrine at Lourdes.

The statue of "Our Lady of Lourdes," presented by Mrs. Sullivan to St. Brigid's church is a duplicate of the one that stands in the famous grotto of the little French town. It depicts the saint in the attitude of prayer, and the artist's conception is of the highest order.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY.

The Holy Name Society of St. Louis Bertrand's church elected officers for the year 1902 at their meeting last Sunday afternoon in the school building. John J. Barry was elected President, Henry Wagner Secretary and Joseph Wagner Treasurer. In the future on the second Sunday of the month the society decided to assemble in the school building before 6 o'clock mass and march in a body to the church instead of going in separately, as heretofore. The society also decided to hold their meetings on the Monday night following their communion day instead of Sunday afternoons.

DOWN TO WORK.

Irish-American Society Starts Off New Year With Rousing Meeting.

Large Vote Cast at the Fifth Annual Election of Officers.

John J. Flynn Succeeds Joe Nevin and Becomes President.

NO CHANGES MADE IN THE LAWS

It is with much pride and pleasure that the Kentucky Irish American announces to its readers and Irish-Americans generally that John J. Flynn was elected President of the Irish-American Society last Thursday night by acclamation, succeeding Mr. Joe Nevin, who declined to permit the use of his name. President Flynn is still a young man, but for many years has been identified with Irish affairs in this city. During the past year he served as Secretary, and in that capacity nothing was left undone by him which would serve the interests of the organization. He is a very forcible and interesting speaker, well versed in the condition of his people and cognizant of the means necessary to advance their welfare.

In response to the special notice that the annual election of officers would take place Thursday night Irish-Americans numbering up in the hundreds thronged Hibernian Hall. All the officers were present except John Kennedy, who lies seriously ill at his residence on Second street. Many were noticed present who had not attended a meeting for many months, notably Pat Finegan, one of the founders of the society, Steve McElliot and Deputy Assessor Pat Welsh.

Announcement was made of the death of James B. Cooney, the Chairman, William Lawler, Tom Tarpey, John Flynn and others in brief eulogies paying high tribute to him as a member and citizen. Upon motion the society voted to proceed to the residence upon adjournment and pay their last sad respects to the deceased brother.

After the transaction of other business President Nevin arose and in an eloquent and patriotic speech called for the election of officers, also thanking the members for their loyalty to him during his term of office. He appealed to all present to take a greater interest in the future of the society and aid the new officers in bringing it up to a membership that will number thousands instead of hundreds.

Pat Finegan, Tom Tarpey, Pat Welsh, Steve McElliot, Thomas Claire, Mike Francis, Tom Keenan, Tom Cleary and others declared themselves in hearty accord with the suggestions made, after which each member present pledged himself to give the new officers to be elected their hearty support during the coming year and to attend all meetings.

The election of officers was then gone into with the following result, the vote in every case being made unanimous:

President—John J. Flynn.
First Vice President—M. W. Murphy.
Second Vice President—John P. Chester.

Recording Secretary—Jerry King.
Financial Secretary—William Lawler.
Treasurer—Thomas Keenan.
Sergeant-at-Arms—J. J. Casey.
Sentinel—Tim Lyons.
The announcement of the election of the foregoing officers was greeted by tremendous applause, and when called upon President-elect Flynn and Vice President Murphy responded in a happy but forcible manner, showing they are close students of the conditions of the Irish race not only in America but Ireland as well. They commended the members for their integrity and progressiveness, and promised with their aid to give them an administration of which they might feel proud. Each officer was called upon in turn and there was quite a love feast.

For some time changes in the laws have been agitated, but no action was taken, the whole matter being referred to a committee composed of Messrs. Thomas Tarpey, Pat Finegan, Tom Keenan, Tom Claire and Pat Welsh, who were instructed to revise the laws and submit their recommendations at as early a date as possible.

There is much speculation as to who will constitute the new Executive Committee. Only one name has been mentioned for the Chairmanship, that being Col. Joe Byrne, Superintendent of the Central Stock Yards. This office is next in importance to the Presidency, and we feel confident no other name will be considered for the position. The other who will constitute the committee doubtless be taken from among Mr. Thomas Claire, Patrick Finegan, John Nevin, James Welsh, William Lawler, Tom Tarpey and Steve McElliot. The installation of officers and announcement of all standing committees will be made at the meeting to be held Thursday night, February 6.

A proposition that met with much favor was submitted by Vice President John Chester, and if adopted will add greatly to the pleasure provided for the members. It contemplates the holding of social sessions monthly, when members can bring their lady friends. The outlook for the Irish-American Society was never brighter. All that is necessary to make it the success desired is for members to attend the meetings and their share in its upbuilding.

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BE TRUE TO YOUR FAITH.

Why is it that so many Catholics, while not actually ashamed of their religion, by their actions show a preference for everything non-Catholic and seem to think no good can come out of the old church, but that new ideas and modern, up-to-date progressiveness can be found only outside of the pale of the true church? This tendency is growing and if continued may in time permeate the whole body of Catholic laymen.

It was along these lines and to discredit this idea that the brilliant lecture delivered by that gifted orator, Henry Austin Adams, last week before the Knights of Columbus, was given. It was shown here clearly that Catholic supremacy was paramount in every art and science, and that all the important advances made were the results of ideas first conceived by Catholics.

Newspaper men, editors of Catholic periodicals are here meant, all over the country say, without exception, that the support given them is miserable. This is true. The same might be said of anything else with a strictly Catholic flavor. Our academies and universities are not patronized as they should be, but the girls and boys are sent off to a "finishing school" or one of the non-Catholic colleges—possibly even one where the existence of Christ is denied. There are many good schools not of our faith, and nothing derogatory is intended, but the argument is that Catholics should give the preference to Catholic things, other conditions being equal.

A very well educated priest, one high in his order and an authority on literature, in deploring the support given Catholic periodicals, said many people insisted that the price was too high. But he claimed, if the proper support was given and the circulation as large as others of its class, the price could be made lower, though even then, quality considered, it was no higher.

Let us be proud of our faith, and while it is not necessary to flaunt it in the face of our neighbor, if we live up to its precepts and uphold its works the church will command more and more respect in this world and be instrumental in the salvation of many.

PASS THE BILL

The usual bill for a new State Capitol is before the Legislature, as it has been for forty years. Nothing but the desire of legislators to make a record by catering to the stingy and old foggy notions of their constituents has deferred it thus long. The Capitol and Governor's mansion(?) are not only inadequate, but dilapidated and a reproach to the State. This and much more and worse has been repeated for years without effect, so deeply has Kentucky run into the rut. It is high time the Old Commonwealth was pulled out and lifted on to the road of progress, and no better beginning could be made than providing decent, suitable buildings for State officials, State documents and property, and the convenient transaction of State business. This Legislature has not yet shown its power, but we hope it is not another of the thirty-cent kind, of which Old Kentucky has had a surfeit.

HARMONY AND UNITY.

The convention of the United Irish League in Dublin last week was the largest and most representative gathering of Irishmen since the days of Charles Stewart

Parnell, and the proceedings were of a like enthusiastic and harmonious character, inspired by a patriotic spirit of unity of effort for Irish interests. There was no sign of dissension and little discussion. Hon. John Redmond was unanimously elected Chairman, questions and plans of action considered, decided upon and entrusted to committees and officials. The National party now presents a solid phalanx for earnest and active work not only in Parliament, but in local affairs throughout Ireland.

This is a summary of the actual proceedings and results of the convention after its adjournment—just the reverse of the reports and predictions of factional and personal contention, wrangling and probable dissolution of the organization, that came via London previous to the meeting.

JOLLYING THE BOYS.

A thrill of hope pervaded England for a short period Wednesday over a report that King Edward had announced that the Boer war would soon end, thus verifying the prediction of the War Office. The basis of the report is, however, discouraging. Another draft of 1,200 men from the Grenadiers, Coldstream and Scots Guards of the already depleted home reserve corps left for South Africa on Thursday. In addressing the officers on Wednesday the King said "the war may be regarded as approaching its conclusion." As reinforcements are so badly needed in South Africa that these men had to be detached from three different regiments on home duty, the "conclusion" is at least not imminent, and his Majesty was simply jollying the boys along.

A SUGAR-COATED PILL.

An issue which is likely to cause a serious division in the British Cabinet, as well as in political parties, is being pushed to the fore. It is the sugar trade in which millions of British capital are invested on the one hand, and the supply and price of sugar to the people is involved on the other, and the whole question bases on the continuation of free trade or the departure from this British trade policy. Great Britain is the free trade mecca of the world, all products and manufactures being admitted free of duty or under revenue tax, the protection idea being wholly opposed.

Sugar is the principal product of the British West Indies. Owing to the competition of Dutch, German and American sugar the West Indies sugar has only the British market, and there the foreign sugar is driving it out by reason of lower prices and better quality. It is claimed that the Dutch and German sugar is sold cheaper because of the bounty paid by the Government, and the American sugar because protected from such bounty competition by a countervailing duty on Dutch and German sugar. The result is that the American, Dutch and German sugars retain their home markets and practically divide all foreign markets, leaving the West Indies sugar without any market.

The West Indies sugar growers (British West Indies islands) have petitioned the British Cabinet for the like protection of a countervailing duty on foreign sugars that they may be able to compete and retain at least the British market; that unless this is granted the West Indies sugar industry will be hopelessly bankrupted. Colonial Secretary Chamberlain favors and will urge the granting of the petition,

but it is believed that the Cabinet will refuse, or adopt it by so close a vote as to cause a division with serious consequences that may tend to revolutionize British trade.

All branches of British commerce and industry are hampered and depressed by foreign competition the world over and in their home market, and the granting of the petition of the sugar industry for a protective tariff to minimize or obviate foreign competition, will prompt all others to demand the same protection. If the West Indies are given special relief, other colonies will insist upon their varied claims, and Great Britain be transformed from a free trade to a protective tariff basis that, by reason of the extreme change of trade basis, may cause serious complications and disastrous results to British commercial and industrial interests, all of great Britain's competitors having the advantage of established trade basis, and likely to retaliate with countervailing duties against British products.

The issue is the most important and far-reaching that has yet arisen in the sea of trouble that seems to overshadow Great Britain, and as free trade is the fundamental or gospel basis of traffic with the English, any attempt to abridge or depart from it is likely to cause bitter and general discontent and dissension that will put all political parties at loggerheads in a chaos of confusion.

KITCHENER'S FREEBOOTERS.

Lord Kitchener, Commander-in-Chief in South Africa, has not for months reported a "British success." Aside from the occasional "British reverse," he furnishes weekly reports of "murders of natives," "brutality to prisoners" and the like by the Boers, doubtless with the purpose of showing some justification for British methods under his direction—the concentration camps, destruction of private property, imprisonment, deportation and execution of non-combatants as well as prisoners of war. But the truth leaks out despite censorship, and the following from a Cape Town correspondent of the New York World gives some idea of the character of the "volunteers" and "loyal colonists" in the British service and their methods of warfare in South Africa. Such outlawry and vandalism is in violation of the articles of war, and if the Boers capture such marauders they are fully justified in summarily executing them, although they wear the British uniform and are commissioned by the British War Office. The correspondent says:

"The little band of troopers fighting for England in the Transvaal and known as Loxton's Horse is aptly called 'The Forty Thieves' by friend and foe. Loxton's aggregation is probably the most peculiar element to the army in South Africa. England's war office furnishes the equipment of the troopers, which includes two horses, full uniform, rifle and ammunition, but that is all."

"No one, officer or man, in Loxton's Horse draws a cent of pay from the British war funds. In lieu of pay the corps gets 75 per cent. of the loot, and if what was seen in June in Newcastle was any criterion it is a very well paid arm of the service."

"There was then a division of the proceeds of their joint earnings for three months, and each man's share amounted to a little more than \$4,500. The corps gave a ball in the town hall to provide amusement for itself and its friends, and the 100 men then comprising the command spent \$5,000 in this entertainment."

"Nothing was safe from the rapacity of this gay gang, and anything of commercial value, whether it belonged to friend or foe, was always brought to headquarters. Sometimes the owner could recover his property if he could show conclusively his loyalty, but generally the animals or goods were sent to Durban or Pietermaritzburg and sold. Loxton's Horse well earned the nickname, 'The Forty Thieves.'"

Troubles never come singly. London and English cities and towns are now wrestling with small-pox, which threatens to become epidemic, or at least cause a scare and quarantine to the detriment of travel and traffic at English ports. The Health Board reports 900 cases in London and fear that it will spread with the breakup of winter unless previously eradicated by stringent regulations and vaccination, for which, alas, British cities and towns seem to be ill provided, none of them having ample hospitals for isolation and

facilities for promptly enforcing sanitation and vaccination, and most of them having no provision whatever. As cases are reported in all the ports as well as in rural towns, the fear of an epidemic in the early spring appears to be well founded.

The "Anglo-American alliance," so prominent a subject a year ago and occasionally mooted yet, is recalled by the following emphatic language of Hon. Lawrence Townsend, American Minister to Belgium, in answer to a query at a banquet in Antwerp last week: "In regard to the so-called 'Anglo-American alliance,' which seems to be the creation of an imaginative brain, I may call your attention to the fact that the policy of the United States, as promulgated by President Washington and re-proclaimed by every American statesman since his time, precludes the possibility of 'the existence of an alliance, either formal or informal, between the United States and any foreign power.'"

The biennial pilgrimage to Frankfort is on in full force to plead their varied causes with the Legislature. The workmen, as usual, are in the push with delegations from Louisville Central Labor Union and the coal miners. There is much needed in legislation for labor in this State, for which the workmen have pleaded for years without success. It is time they were getting something more than ante election promises, which they have come to regard as of the gold brick order. The Legislature will have ample time to take up, consider and act upon all labor matters presented, and will have no excuse for failure to do so.

Senator Depew during his brief wedding tour in Europe kept his eyes open, noting conditions. He reports commercial and industrial affairs as deplorable in Germany, over 500,000 workers being idle. In England matters are but little better, there being general discontent over the war in Africa, with the prospect of a split up of political parties during the session of Parliament. He regards France, Austria and Italy as being in better condition than for years, with prospects of improvement.

We have always believed that if Kitchener were given time and opportunity he would achieve some grand victory meriting the peerage and fame. Last week he reported the capture of a cattle laager guarded by 150 Boer women, without firing a shot or losing a man. Now let him be recalled, received with booming of cannon and royal honors, made an Earl and retired on \$50,000 a year.

It is noticeable that while the European powers are scowling at one another all are throwing bouquets at Uncle Sam. The old fellow, however, is not easily flattered. He treats all courteously, and will let them fight out their squabbles, only insisting that they keep off his grass.

Two rumors have set London agog. One is that Kitchener has started a rush campaign that will shortly result in the capture of the foxy Dewet. The other is that peace negotiations have been resumed by the British and Boer officials. These rumors are not confirmed.

England will probably be forced to resort to conscription for the army in South Africa, as the call for volunteers has met with no response except the flat refusal of the volunteer regiments at home to go, and there are no individual enlistments.

DOMINICAN CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS.

The interior of the handsome church of St. Louis Bertrand is to be further embellished. It is already one of the most beautiful churches in the city, and with the new addition will compare favorably with any church of its size anywhere. Contracts have been made for new hardwood confessionals, the designs being unique and very artistic. These are to be four in number and will be very ornamental. The Prior, Rev. J. D. Fowler, has been out of town since the first of the year but is expected back next week and then the work of putting in the confessionals will proceed.

ENGLAND! ENGLAND! AWAKE!

England! England! Arouse thee! Awake! Hear thy fair daughter, Atlantis, call; Mighty of olden days, turn thee and break Shackles that cripple thee, fetters that gall; Strike down the hands that would rob thee of glory, Crush thy false sons to their suppliant knees.

Isle of heroic deeds, region of story, Relight the beacons that silvered thy seas.

England! England! Thou that hast led, Guiding civilization's advance, Right or wrong, great were thy living and dead.

Splendid the blazonry of thy romance, Rush to thy battlements, let not be furled Banners disgraced by degenerate hands, Flags that have gallantly circled the world—

Expectant of thee the new century stands.

England! England! Summon the souls Whose valor has gilded the heights of thy fame; Pray, guidance of them when thy martial drum rolls, That honor alone may betrophy thy name.

Clasp hands with thy daughter, with her lead the way, For the glory of God and humanity's sake,

To the honor and strength of a more righteous day. England! England! Awake!

[Written for the Kentucky Irish American.] THE ANSWER.

Yes, England, awake to thy merciless rod, To the slaughter of Boers and the frown of thy God! Though matchless thy story and mighty thy deed, 'Tis perfidious Albion still in thy greed!

Say not to sweet Erin from the land of the free That ever she bend a worshipful knee To the power that enchains her, the hard, bloody hand That has left its impression all over her land! Oh, fond Yankee poet, to England so true, It is meet that you give the old lion his due, But don't you forget what is sheathed in his paws, And the love that's expressed in the crush of his jaws.

SAM K. BANGS.

SOCIETY.

Miss Grace Pulliam returned this week from Glasgow.

Francis Mulvey was this week the guest of friends at Springfield.

Miss Nettie Kelly is spending the winter with friends in New York City.

Miss Hallie Matthews has been visiting in Glasgow, the guest of Mrs. J. T. Carter.

Miss Annie Collins was last week the guest of Miss Maymie Hockersmith at Bowling Green.

Miss Georgia Slack has returned home from Bardston, where she was the guest of Mrs. P. Whelan.

Miss Edith Lanahan entertained in a charming manner last week in honor of her guest, Miss Alice Meffert.

Miss Stella Alexander spent a very pleasant week with her friend, Miss Margaret Dunnigan, at Shelbyville.

Miss Marie Coleman Davis is home from Bowling Green, after a pleasant visit with Mrs. William Turner.

Miss Eloise Cleary, a charming visitor from Covington, was this week the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Shelly Hudson.

Miss Fannie Williams arrived here Saturday from Versailles to spend several weeks with her sister, Mrs. James Leslie.

Miss Hortense Pilcher returned last week to St. Mary's College, after a two week's visit with her parents in the Highlands.

Miss Zelpha Smith has returned to her home in Danville, after an enjoyable visit with Misses Leonora and Mamie Bowman.

Among the most charming of this week's visitors was Miss Nancie Rose Edwards, who has a wide circle of friends in this city.

Miss Ruby Owens, an attractive Lafayette girl, was this week a visitor with Miss Ollie Nolan, 312 Washington Place, New Albany.

Miss Gladys O'Brien, Twenty-seventh street, has almost entirely recovered from the injuries sustained some weeks ago while skating.

Ben Shrader is developing into a fine after dinner orator. His remarks at the Trinity Council banquet were received with much applause.

Joe T. Diersen's host of friends will regret to learn that he is quite sick at his home, Jackson and Green streets. The last report was that he was on the fair road to recovery.

Peter Quinn's numerous friends will be pleased to learn that he has almost recovered from his recent illness. For several weeks past he was confined to his home on Baird street.

Mr. Will Leahy has severed his connection with the Frank A. Menné Candy Company and has gone with a tobacco firm on Main street, where there is a much better chance of promotion.

A marriage of more than ordinary interest has just been consummated at the Catholic church at New Haven, the con-

tracting parties being Sam D. Smock, of Lyons Station, and Miss Annie Hagan, the lovely daughter of Edward D. Hagan, of Balltown.

With the first month of the new year have come little visitors to brighten the homes of James O'Hearn, 1435 Hull street, and Frank McHugh, 1027 Clay street, to the former a son and the latter a pretty girl.

Mrs. Lucy O'Connor, wife of the late James O'Connor, has been confined to her home for the last ten days with a severe attack of acute indigestion. She is now on the mend and expects to be out in a few days.

Miss Bessie Edwards, one of Pineville's most attractive young ladies, was here this week as the guest of Mrs. Col. John Whallen. The fair visitor was welcomed by numerous admiring friends and received marked social attention.

Miss Louise Rademaker entertained the P. C. Club at her beautiful home on Broadway, above Underhill, last Tuesday evening. The full membership of the club was in attendance and a most enjoyable time was had, Miss Rademaker making an ideal hostess.

There is great rejoicing in the home of Michael Thornton, East Fifteenth street, New Albany, over the arrival of a sturdy young scion, and many have been the congratulations showered upon the happy father. The Thorntons are arranging for a big celebration in the youngster's honor.

Miss Magdalena Antwine and James P. Dougherty, well known New Albany people, were quietly married last June, but so well did they guard their secret that their union only became known this week. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Father Kelly at Holy Trinity rectory.

The banquet given Monday night was the most enjoyable affair of the year in Catholic fraternal society. Among those who contributed largely to the pleasure of the evening and deserve special mention were Messrs. Henry Struby, Ben Hund, Edward J. Bosler, Jacob Gross, Joe Kirchdorfer and Will Hillerich.

We regret to chronicle the illness of James Sweeney, one of our oldest and most highly respected citizens, who has been unable to leave his home on Zane street for three weeks. He is a valued employee of the Henry Vogt Machine Company, and his fellow-employees hope for his speedy recovery and return to his position.

Among those whose illness is greatly regretted is Officer William Murray, an efficient member of the police department. For the past two weeks he has been unable to report for duty, being confined by order of his physician to his home on Story avenue. His friends will be glad to know that his condition is not regarded as serious.

CATHOLIC UNION.

Next Regular Meeting Will Be Important and All Are Invited.

The Catholic Union will hold its regular monthly meeting Tuesday, January 28, at 7:30 p. m., at Satolli Hall, 716 Second street. Delegates and members of all Catholic organizations, whether said organizations are members of the Catholic Union or not, are invited to be present, as at this meeting Dr. J. W. Fowler, our delegate to the National Federation held at Cincinnati, will present his report of the meeting of the National Federation, and there will also come up the question of federation along the lines suggested by the National Federation. Election of officers of the Catholic Union for the ensuing year will also take place.

FASHION'S FOIBLES.

Two buttons as a rule are to be seen upon children's coats. The collars forming a deep point in the front make more unnecessary.

For evening gowns diaphanous fabrics are in the lead and they include every variety of net, the square dots and square mesh being the latest.

In addition to plain cloths this winter we have worn much sibilene, and corduroy velvet strapped with plain face cloth has been popular, while we have evinced much appreciation of velvet.

A plain coat for a child is of dark blue cheviot trimmed with stitching in white. This is in the form of a Grecian pattern, and finishes the fronts of the coat, the sleeves and the standing collar.

Deep cape collars of lace are a special feature of many of the winter wraps of velvet, fur or expensive cloth, and rich, heavy designs like Irish crochet, Flemish, Venetian and Russian guipure, are a favorite choice.

Poplin and bengaline are not supposed to be fashionable materials this season, and yet so much is individual taste exercised in these days, some of the smartest gowns turned out have been of these materials. After all, for serviceable wear, there is nothing like them.

An all-black velvet hat, richly but quietly trimmed, is without exception the best and smartest of winter headwear for general occasions, and decidedly it is the most useful. A colored hat rarely assimilates perfectly with more than one or two gowns, but a handsome black hat is never unfriendly to any sort of costume.

There are two important points to be studied in planning one of the three-quarter length coats, which are particularly becoming to slender women. First, the cut—this garment belonging to that class whose beauty lies in its simplicity and perfection of outline; second, the arrangement of collars and cuffs. As the whole trimming of the coat is in the collar and cuffs, these must be rich and of fur or lace.

Sleeves are becoming exaggeratedly large, and being still made of two materials—the outer sleeve and the inner

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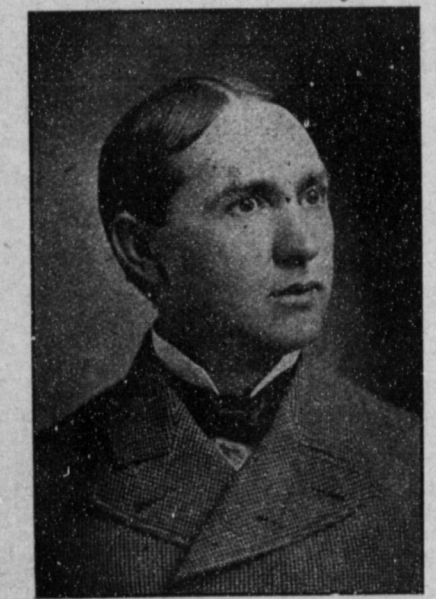
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the Recent Events Called
From Exchanges.Jailer Morrow, who has filled the po-
sition of Governor of Wexford jail for nine
or ten years, has resigned.Terence Lawton, a tailor living in
Grattan street, Cork, was arrested New
Year's day on the alleged charge of hav-
ing caused the death of his wife, aged
fifty years.The Cork Corporation has conferred
the freedom of the city upon John Red-
mond, M. P., in recognition of his emi-
nent services as a leader of the Irish
Parliamentary party.Ireland continues to hold the European
record for low percentage of crimes. The
Irish laugh and the Irish joke are great
safely values for impulses which are
often dangerous when repressed.On Tuesday morning, December 31,
Messrs. John Garvey, Sr., and John Gar-
vey, Jr., were released from Castlebar
jail, after having served fourteen days' im-
prisonment under the coercion act.John McGivern, who has been acting
Assistant Town Clerk in Sligo for some
years, has been unanimously elected
Town Clerk and Executive Sanitary
Officer to succeed the late Daniel Mac-
Gill.A shocking accident occurred on the
Belfast and Northern Counties railway
between Ballymena and Cullyhakey on
Christmas night, when a man named
William Adams was literally cut to
pieces.Considerable damage was done to a
large chemical works by fire in Belfast.
The works are the property of the Messrs.
Richardson, and when the brigade arrived
the fire had a great start. After two
hours' work the flames were extin-
guished.While some men of the farming class,
named Lavin, living about three miles
from Swinford, were engaged in repairing
a ring fence some dispute arose, and one
of them, it is alleged, stabbed his uncle
and cousin with a knife. One of the
men is not expected to recover.On Thursday evening a scotch mill,
the property of James Hall, of Bally-
nanny, near Hilltown, County Down,
was completely destroyed by fire. The
mill, which is situated in close prox-
imity to the village, was being worked
for the season by James M'Alinden.Supervisor of Inland Revenue, Larkin
has been presented by his official and
private friends, on his retirement from
the service, with a handsome onyx clock
and ornaments, and Mrs. Larkin with a
gold curb bracelet. The presentation
was made at Larkin's residence, North
Circular road.At Kiltale, near Ballingarry, County
Limerick, on Christmas night Mrs. Ellen
O'Shea was found dead in bed. She had
apparently been in the best of health and
spirits during the day and retired to rest
in the same condition, but her husband,
on waking up during the night, found
that she was quite dead.On Monday evening a slight explosion
occurred in the city of Belfast outside
the Northern Whig office. The electric
wires running beneath the footpath fused,
causing the explosion, which displaced
one of the pavement flags, hurling it a
considerable distance. Fortunately no
one was on the footpath at the time.Justice McMenamin held a special
court of sessions at Strabane courthouse,
when Emerson Herdman charged Wil-
liam John Graham, of Dromore, with the
embezzlement of sums of money while
Bailliff under the former when he was
Sheriff of the County Tyrone in 1900.
After evidence had been taken Graham
was returned for trial to the Ormagh
quarter sessions on the 22d inst.Several of the tenants on the Cantillon
estate at Manister, Croom, County Lim-
erick, have been served with processes
for non-payment of rent, abatement of
which was refused. Two tenants on the
Newenham estate, Croom, have also been
served. In the latter cases also the
tenants demanded an abatement of
rent. It is stated that abatements were
granted in individual cases to the tenants.At Kingston on Friday morning, Mrs.
Louisa Smith, sixty, wife of Canon
Smith, of Comber, County Down, was
found with her throat cut in her bed-
room at the residence of her brother,
Col. Price, with whom she had been
staying. A blood-stained table knife,
which it is supposed the deceased lady
procured while the servants were prepar-
ing breakfast, was lying beside the body.
Mrs. Smith had been in weak health for
some time.A fearful burning accident occurred at
Ballycogley, a short distance from Wex-
ford, and furnishes one more proof of the
danger of leaving children alone with
fire. A little girl, an infant of seventeen
months, named Mary Roche, was left
alone in the kitchen whilst her mother
ran outside on some domestic errand.
In the mother's absence the little one
toddled into the fire and was fearfully
burned. It lingered on in pain for seven
or eight hours and then died.A fatality of a most distressing char-
acter is reported from New Ross. Miss
Kathleen Jones, the victim, was holding
a conversation at the foot of Cross lane,
South street, with two lady friends, when
suddenly a runaway horse came thunder-
ing down the steep laneway and dashed
into their midst, driving Miss Jones
through a doorway, breaking her spine
and killing her outright. She was the
only daughter of Thomas Jones, a gentle-
man whose family has long been con-
nected with the town.A young man named Tuohy, a laborer
in the employment of Mr. Smith, Ballin-
derry, near Rathfriland, sustained very
serious injuries some days ago whilst
tearing up some bullocks in a byre for his
employer. In the operation one of the
animals became furious, and attacking
Tuohy, ran his horns through the lower
regions of his stomach. The unfortunate

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Sentinel—Timothy Lyons.man had a narrow escape from being
killed. He was transferred to the Rath-
drum Union Hospital, and his condition
is somewhat improved.At Monaghan Petty Sessions, James
McAlton, of Longstacken, County Mon-
aghan, was summoned for selling
spirituous liquors without a licence. The
police had raided his premises and found
about \$150 worth of all sorts of spirituous
liquors in all sorts of bottles, some very
ingeniously concealed. The defense was
that the liquors were only intended to be
given away as Christmas boxes. The
Magistrates imposed penalties, and re-
commended that the liquor should be
sent to the County infirmary.The death is announced of William
Liddell, J. P. It will be received with
sincere regret by a large circle of sports-
men and friends. The sad event took
place on Christmas day at his residence,
near Lurgan, County Down. Mr. Lid-
dell, who took a keen interest in all
sports, at one time owned an extensive
stud of greyhounds, and was part owner
of Honeymoon, the winner of the Water-
loo cup in 1875. He also had a number
of race-horses which carried his colors
successfully at race meetings both in
England and Ireland.An interesting discovery has been
made near Tuam, where some laborers a
few days ago, while turf-cutting in a bog,
came on an ancient corrach, or canoe,
several feet below the surface and in a
fairly good state of preservation. The
boat measured fifty-two feet in length,
and it has been decided to place it in the
Royal Museum at Dublin. The Great
Southern and Western Railway Company
have provided a special double carriage
for the conveyance of the corrach, and it
is to be dispatched from Tuam to Dublin
via Limerick.The storm and rain of the last week of
the year has produced disastrous effects
all along the Shannon banks. A verita-
ble ice-flow from the lake has added to
the great inundation, more or less felt for
the past two months, and at present
several populous townlands are cut off
from communication with Athlone. The
sudden rise has brought the water far
into the fields and up into the farm
houses. The plight of the people in
many cases is pitiable. Intelligence has
been received in Athlone of the supposed
drowning of a farmer named Henry, who
lived in the flooded area, and whose
body has not up to the present been
discovered.

THEATRICALS.

The patrons of the Buckingham will be
pleased to learn of the engagement next
week of Fred Irwin's Majestic Bur-
lesques. The company this year is
stronger and better than ever, and in-
cludes such well known artists as the
Burke Brothers, assisted by their trained
mule, "Wise Mike"; Katherine Irwin,
the electric spark; the Meeker Baker
trio, premier grotesque acrobats; Gilbert
Girard, America's great mimic; the
Stantons, presenting a novelty entitled
"The Maid and the Rooster"; the Sisters
Bastelo, Grace La Rue and her picks.
The scenic, electrical and mechanical ef-
fects and costumes must be seen to be
appreciated, as it is said to be one of the
finest ever seen with a burlesque organ-
ization."McFadden's Row of Flats," a good,
wholesome laugh-provoking comedy,
comes to the Avenue next week, starting
Sunday. For this season the comedy
has been renovated, changed and made
up to date. The songs and music are
new and catchy, and scenic and light ef-
fects beautiful and novel; the costumes
beautiful and unique. The cast sub-
mitted is an exceedingly strong one.
The affairs of the Avenue are being ably
conducted by Messrs. Thomas Nelson
and Wallace Hamilton, who have the
sole management during Col. Shaw's ab-
sence. They are both popular with the
theater-going public.The performances at the Temple have
been attracting large audiences. Col.
Hopkins feels elated over his reception
here, and the attractions for next week
are of the usual high standard seen since
he took charge of the popular play
house.The Maiden's Prayer—"Then yule re-
member me."

HIBERNIANS.

What They Have Been Doing
the Past Week—General
News Notes.The Hibernians of Bristol closed a suc-
cessful five days' fair Tuesday night.There will be a big turnout Wednes-
day night at the meeting of Division 4.Division 1 of Syracuse indulges in the
game of "forty-five" at nearly all its
meetings.Prizes to the value of \$25 were dis-
tributed at a card party given by Division
3 of Minneapolis on Thursday night.Almost every week this season there
has been an entertainment and ball or
reception by the Ladies' Auxiliaries of
Boston.President Keenan called a County
Board meeting for last night to take pre-
liminary steps for the celebration of St.
Patrick's day.Members of Division 1 were glad that
Officer Tom Shelley was able to be with
them Tuesday night, having almost en-
tirely recovered from his recent accident.In the presence of one of the largest
meetings held in St. Paul for years the
county degree team recently initiated
ninety-seven candidates, putting them
through the four degrees under the new
ritual.John Holden was elected a member of
Division 1 this week. County President
Keenan and the degree teams have been
requested to confer the degrees on a
number of candidates at the next meet-
ing, which occurs January 28.New Hampshire Hibernians enjoyed a
very successful dancing party last week
under the auspices of Division 1. One
hundred and fifty persons participated
in the grand march. During the intermis-
sion choice refreshments were served.Division 46 of Philadelphia has formed
a school for the teaching of the Irish
language. Sessions will be held weekly
in the hall of the division, one of the
finest in the City of Brotherly Love,
\$1,500 having been expended for furnis-
ings.The Board of Directors of the Ladies'
Auxiliaries of Buffalo will give a joint
card party and dance at Niagara Hall on
January 20. The combined auxiliaries
have the affair in charge and meet weekly
in the hall of the Immaculate Conception
church.Division 9 of Buffalo has been conduct-
ing a spirited contest for new members,
the prize being an elegant silk scarf.
The winner was expected to have in the
neighborhood of fifty names to be in the
race, which has been going on since
September 1.Divisions throughout the country are
forwarding to President Roosevelt num-
erous signed protests against the pur-
chase of horses in the United States by
the English War Department for use
in prosecuting the merciless war against
the brave Boers.Division 2 meets Thursday night. The
members should not forget their pledge
to be present with applications for mem-
bership. All should push the good work
among the Irishmen of the East End,
many of whom only await an invitation
to become members.Ex-State President Martin Cusick,
County President Keenan, President Do-
lan, James Barry and James Rogers took
a leading part in the proceedings Tues-
day night, and if their suggestions are
carried out Division 1 will keep Pete
Cusick busy receiving money.The members of Division 1 accepted
the invitation to the select dance of Di-
vision 4 at Liederkrantz Hall on Friday
night, January 24. All Hibernians are
invited, and we hope to see each division
well represented, as the Limerick men
will see that all who attend enjoy them-
selves.Hibernians speak in high praise of the
action of Division 4 in presenting the
magnificent picture of President Hen-
nessy to adorn the hall. Why not have
pictures of all the Division Presidents?
This would be a step in the right direc-
tion and would show our appreciation of
their valuable services.Division 5 of Somersworth, N. H., will
hold a fair at the Opera House in that
city the first week in April. The Ladies'
Auxiliary have volunteered to assist in
the undertaking and are making elaborate
preparations. Ticket holders will receive
valuable presents and a first-class stage
performance will be given every night.Division 3 meets Monday night at
Nelligan Hall, Nineteenth and Portland
avenue, and every member should attend.
President Cavanaugh and Secretary Sul-
livan have notified members that the
business to be transacted is of more than
ordinary importance, and concerns the
future interest of Hibernianism in the
West End.Division 1 held a good meeting Tues-
day night with a large attendance. The
quarterly reports of Secretary Peter Cusick
and Treasurer John Mulloy were read
and showed the division in splendid
financial condition. Notwithstanding the
disbursement of over \$500 for sick and
death benefits and charitable purposes
the balance in the treasury is consider-
ably over \$1,000.Lawyer Newton G. Rogers has con-
sented to read the paper before the mem-
bers of Division 1 that he read before
the great Catholic congress held in Chi-
cago. This will be an intellectual treat
and none should miss hearing him. The
Literary Committee will make the ar-
rangements and confer with Attorney
Rogers about the date, which will be
duly announced.The Irish Standard says the St. Paul
divisions are determined to carry off the
best prizes offered by the State Board of
Minnesota. Classes for initiation early
next month are now forming, and the
probabilities are that another joint county
initiation will be held before the contest
closes. Any division outside of St. Paul
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A NOVEL CONTEST.

Which Congregation Could
Raise Most Money in
a Year.One year ago the congregation of St.
Mary's Roman Catholic church of Mc-
Kee's Rocks, Pa., of which Rev. David
Toner is pastor, and the congregation of
St. John the Baptist's Roman Catholic
church, of which Rev. E. M. McKeever
is pastor, agreed to settle the question
of which church could raise the most money
in one year. Every legitimate means
could be resorted to, donations, collections,
entertainments, all counted, and the
reward was to be a trip to Europe for
the assistant pastor of the winning
church, the losers to pay the expenses.
Rev. Joseph Dijon is assistant pastor of
St. Mary's and Rev. Father P. A. Brady
of St. John the Baptist's. When the
returns were made by the persons appointed
for the purpose it was found that St.
Mary's was the winner by a good ma-
jority, having collected \$29,457.49, while
the congregation of St. John the Baptist's
had \$24,964.83 to show. Father Dijon
will start for a visit to lands across the
sea whenever he desires and all his bills
will be paid by the rival congregation.
Much interest has been manifested in the
contest by the two churches throughout
the year and as a result it is said that
both congregations are in a flourishing
condition.

SHORT AND BRIEF.

Bob Fitzsimmons will referee the fight
between Terry McGovern and Dave Sullivan
in this city on Washington's birth-
day.For the first time in the history of the
country the population of the South has
increased more rapidly than that of the
North, as shown by the last report of the
Census Bureau.Hon. James B. McCreary was elected
United States Senator from Kentucky, to
succeed William J. Deboe, last Tuesday,
and Kentucky again stands united in the
upper house of Congress.The war between the magnates of the
major league has greatly injured the
national game of base ball. The public
never again can have confidence in those
responsible for this result.The Cook County Marching Club, rep-
resenting the Chicago Democracy, will
be here for a day or two in February.
The club will come 200 strong, headed
by Debaugh's band of fifty pieces.The gratifying news comes from South
America that Father Volk is still alive
and intends returning to Kentucky in
February. He was reported murdered last
month by revolutionists in Colombia.The Dublin Herald of Wednesday says
warrants were placed in the hands of
London police for the arrest of Col.
Arthur Lynch, should he appear Thurs-
day with the object of taking his seat in
Parliament.The New Haven Board of Trustees has
made Joe Barry an important factor in
the government of that thriving town.
Appointed Assessor, Committee on Streets
and Auditing Committee, municipal af-
fairs are largely under his control.The Irish members of Parliament held
their usual sessional meeting Thursday
and decided to move amendments to the
address in reply to the speech from the
throne, condemning coercion, the South
African war, the concentration camps in
South Africa and the financial relations
between Ireland and Great Britain.An enthusiastic pro-Boer meeting filled
the Broadway Theater in Denver Sunday
night. Webster Davis, former Assistant
Secretary of the Interior, who visited
Pretoria shortly after the war began, was
the principal speaker. He fully dis-
proved the charges of the enemies of the
Boers of illiteracy and lack of civiliza-
tion.He—I like smart women well enough,
but I would not care to marry a woman

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The annual meeting of the Louisville
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day, and the result was most gratifying

to the hosts of friends of Mr. Edward J. O'Brien, leading member of the great tobacco brokerage firm of E. J. O'Brien & Co. Twenty-nine years ago, when a small boy, he accepted a minor position with the firm of C. A. Bridges & Co., with whom he remained for ten years and nine months, by whom he was rapidly promoted in recognition of his honesty and integrity. Progressive and energetic, his next step was to engage in business for himself, doing stripping and redrying until about twelve years ago, when the present firm was formed, and has since enjoyed perhaps the largest and most successful brokerage business done in this market.

The meeting was for the annual election of officers and took place at the Tobacco Exchange Hall on Main street, the entire trade being fully represented. Edward J. O'Brien was elected President by unanimous vote of the members, Messrs. Samuel Stone and Casselbury Dunkerson withdrawing in his favor. This is the highest honor within the gift of the Louisville Leaf Tobacco Exchange. Louisville is recognized as the largest leaf tobacco market in the world, and now that he is President it means that Mr. O'Brien stands at the head of the world's tobacco trade.

Edward J. O'Brien was one of the organizers of the Exchange, which by a happy coincidence made him the successor of his first employer, Mr. Charles A. Bridges. During his connection there with he has always taken that live and deep interest in its affairs which has characterized his every walk in life, serving with signal success on the executive, reclamation, quotation and other committees. Under his leadership a prosperous year is predicted for the organization, and any attempts by other cities to supplant Louisville will prove futile. His firm ranks next to the American Tobacco Company and the Continental Tobacco Company as the largest buyer in the United States. Known to the trade at home and abroad, never a day passes without cablegrams being received concerning the exportation of tobacco.

Now turning forty years, capable, energetic, industrious and careful, none are surprised that Mr. O'Brien was thus highly honored by his colleagues in the tobacco trade, and none offer him heartier congratulations than the Kentucky Irish American. Besides his active business career he has devoted much time and means to works of charity and to the advancement of worthy young men. He is at present President of St. Patrick's Conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and prominent also in the General Conference which usually meets at the Cathedral. To his great executive ability is due much of the success of the two bazars held for the Catholic Sisters, over both of which he officiated as Chairman, the last one held at Liederkranz Hall being the most successful ever held in Louisville, the sum of \$19,000 being netted in the six nights.

Like all Irishmen, Mr. O'Brien takes much interest in the political affairs of our city, and as Chairman of the Campaign Committee from the Eleventh ward rendered valuable services during the last fall campaign, forming a perfect organization and making many votes for the ticket headed by Mayor Grainger. His life has been honorable and upright and furnishes an example for all young men to follow.

CATHOLIC TRUSTEES.

During the past year great progress has been made by the congregation of St. Augustine's church in Jeffersonville, under the guidance of the zealous pastor, Rev. Father John O'Connell. The following well known gentlemen have been chosen Trustees for the coming twelve months: Messrs. Thomas Donahue, Jack B. Murphy, Martin Fogarty, Raymond Stanton, James B. Doherty and James Marra. Better selections were impossible and a prosperous administration of parish affairs seems assured.

MAY LIVE TO BE 100

Is the Opinion of Pope Leo's
Physician After Vis-
iting Him.

Dr. Lapponi, the Pope's physician, said of the health of Pope Leo, whom he visited on Friday night, January 10, after an absence of three days:

"For years the Pope has not enjoyed such perfect health. He never fails to fast on Friday, and sometimes on other days. The principal precaution I insist upon is keeping his rooms at an even temperature of 65°, especially as he is most careless about himself. He frequently retires without properly adjusting his flannels about his chest. When I remonstrate, he says he does not want to coddle himself."

When asked if the Pope should remain as strong as at present, how long he would live, Dr. Lapponi answered:

"I do not care to speculate on that question, but there is no reason why he should not reach the age of Gregory IX., who was a centenarian."

This would mean eight years more of life, which would make Leo's pontificate longer than that of St. Peter, and even longer than that of Pius IX., who reigned thirty-one years.

DEFIED COLOR LINE.

How Archbishop Keane Over-
came Racial Preju-
dice.

Father O'Callaghan, the Paulist, tells the following story, illustrating the fearlessness of Archbishop Keane of Dubuque: One Sunday, when the Archbishop was Bishop of Richmond, Va., he ascended the pulpit and announced that on the following Sunday afternoon there would be a meeting of all colored people of Richmond in the Cathedral. The then Bishop stated further that he desired all the colored people, irrespective of religious belief, to come to the meeting, and that he hoped that no white persons would be present. The announcement caused consternation in the church. Racial hatred was as strong then as now in the South, and the white members of the congregation protested vigorously against the "insult" of having "niggers" occupying their pews. Their objections were in vain. Bishop Keane, like the apostles of old, recognized not the color of a man's skin, but was concerned about the salvation of souls. Accordingly when the meeting was opened on Sunday the Catholic Cathedral of Richmond was crowded with colored persons. Every negro in the town became interested and lent his support by being present. Bishop Keane addressed the negroes, and on each Sunday succeeding he held meetings for the exclusive benefit of the colored population. The result was that at the close of a series of weekly lectures lasting a year the Bishop had made 500 converts.

RECENT DEATHS.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Bowman took place last Sunday morning at St. Cecilia's church, and the sincere sorrow felt over the ending of her young life was attested by the large attendance at the solemn services. She was the wife of John Bowman, 2138 Cleveland avenue, and was but twenty years old.

Mr. James B. Cooney died at his home, 2107 High street, Wednesday morning. He had been ill for some time and up to Tuesday hopes of his recovery were entertained, but a sudden change for the worse resulted fatally. Mr. Cooney was for over forty years a resident of this city, and always active in Irish patriotic and charitable organizations, where his kindly nature won many friends who will mourn his death. The funeral was from St. Patrick's church, of which congregation he was one of the pioneers, of whom but few now remain.

The many friends in this city and elsewhere of Mrs. Catherine Kinsella Smith were deeply pained to hear of her death, which occurred last Sunday night at her residence, 2011 Bank street. Mrs. Smith was born November 10, 1844, in the parish of Graguenanna, County Kilkenny, Ireland, but came to this country when a young girl. She came of a prominent family, her father being a noted Irish civil engineer, and her brother, William Kinsella, was for many years the leading civil engineer at Cincinnati. First coming to Philadelphia and then to Cincinnati, Mrs. Smith was wedded to Edward Smith, who departed this life some years since. Thirty-three years ago they moved to Louisville, where the deceased became widely known and respected. For some time preceding her demise she had not been feeling entirely well, but on Friday she was seized with a fatal attack and succumbed Sunday evening. The members of her family were all in attendance at her bedside during the three days, and deep sympathy is expressed for them in their bereavement at a time when people generally were enjoying the annual festivities following the holidays. Mrs. Smith was the mother of eight children, all of whom survive her. They are Miss Mary Smith, Principal of the Duncan street school, Miss Annie Smith, Mrs. Louis Straub, Mrs. Kiren James, wife of the Assessor of Floyd county, Ind., and Messrs. James, Cornelius, Frank and Eumet Smith. Wednesday morning her remains were carried to St. Patrick's church, of which she had long been a devout member, and after requiem high mass was celebrated by the Rev. Father Cronin the interment took place at St. Louis cemetery, a long line of carriages following the body to its last resting place.

Black and white striped velvet is used with excellent effect upon a pale blue cloth gown. The velvet is set in bias bands around the lower edge of the skirt in the collar and a narrow vest of it surmounted by a velvet tie.

PREDICT DEFEAT.

Rumors Thick of the Coming
Downfall of the Salisbury
Government.Return of Irish Nationalists to
Westminster Dreaded by
English.Must Grin and Bear Von Bue-
low's Biting Rebuke to
Chamberlain.

REDMOND AGAIN CHOSEN CHAIRMAN

As Parliament will open on Thursday the politicians are already gathering in London and the air is thick with party rumors, cables the New York World's special London correspondent. According to one report the Salisbury Government will invite defeat on the telephone scandal as a convenient method of washing its hands of the war and its consequences. According to another story, it is tacitly understood between King Edward and Lord Salisbury that if the war is not finished by the date set for the coronation the Marquis of Salisbury will resign, whereupon the King will commission the Earl of Rosebery to form an administration chiefly of Liberal-Imperialists, together with the Duke of Devonshire and the Marquis of Lansdowne, to bring the war to an end, and that if this Ministry is defeated by the Tory majority in the House of Commons the King will dissolve Parliament. This would be daring interference by the King in party politics, but if the war is still going on in June the position will be desperate enough to warrant any expedient.

The return of the Irish party to Westminster, in view of Chief Secretary Wyndham's revival of coercion, is looked forward to with decided apprehension. The Irish party is the only political party now perfectly united. John Redmond, who was elected Chairman last year as a measure of expediency, has been re-elected this year with every evidence of sincere enthusiasm. The coercion prosecutions seem to have supplied that touch of fire to the party which has revived the old fierce fighting spirit. Not that the Irish members contemplate anything in the nature of scenes or disturbances in Parliament. On the contrary, their policy will be one of quiet vigilance and activity, which experience has shown them to be the most effective for their purpose.

Wyndham is being urgently pressed to proclaim the United Irish League an illegal combination, thus transforming its 200,000 members into criminals. But Wyndham does not hanker after trouble of that kind, and the Government policy is to minimize the Irish trouble until the South African republics are conquered.

No one knows absolutely yet whether Col. Arthur Lynch intends to venture to take his seat for Galway or not. The authorities assert that he will be prosecuted for treason felony if he sets foot here, and in the present state of feeling it would need very little evidence to convince an English jury that any Irishman of Nationalist politics deserves penal servitude for life.

Imperial German Chancellor Von Buelow's stinging rebuke of Colonial Secretary Chamberlain for the aspersion the latter cast on the German army has created the bitterest resentment here. But with her army marooned in South Africa, England has to grin and bear such humiliation. Rarely has a Minister been placed in such a contemptible position as Chamberlain is now in, yet, although his colleagues are fully conscious of his perilous methods, they fear him personally. He will tolerate no interference, and is firmly convinced that the hatred he excites abroad is a tribute to his greatness. It is now believed that King Edward will find some excuse for not sending the Prince of Wales to congratulate the Kaiser on his birthday. The German official statement that the Prince was not invited by the Kaiser until the King suggested it was sufficiently galling, but the Chancellor's castigation of the most prominent British Minister renders the visit impracticable.

THE POPE'S JUBILEE.

A movement for the fitting celebration of the pontifical silver jubilee of Pope Leo XIII., which will take place this year, is now on foot in all parts of the world. Elaborate preparations for the coming celebration are already making in Europe and will soon be begun in this country. Copies of the appeal issued have been received by Archbishop Corrigan, in New York.

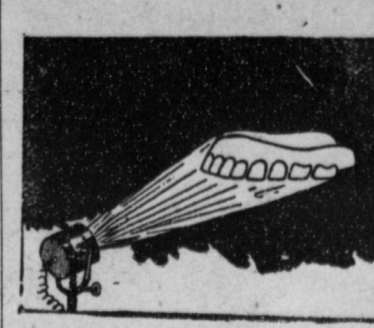
PRIESTS FOR PHILIPPINES.

Catholics in this country will find a seminary in charge of Rev. Father Elliott, of the Paulists, in order to solve the Spanish friars problem in the Philippines. As fast as practicable young priests will be sent to the Philippines to assume their duties. It is estimated that about 700 missionaries will be needed for this work, there being that number of friars in the islands.

ENGLAND'S LOSS 24,200 MEN.

From the beginning of the war to the close of December the total reduction of Great Britain's military forces in South Africa, including deaths from disease, men reported missing, etc., amounts to 24,200 men. Of this number, 19,430 were killed or died. A total of 64,330 men were invalided home, the majority of whom recovered and rejoined their commands.

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